

WKA Trustee Board Meeting
March 26th-27th, 2018
Concord, NC

The following Trustees and Officers were present:

Officers:

John Ferris	President
Lynn Haddock	Vice President- Two Cycle
Bobby Gettys	Vice President- Four Cycle
Kevin Williams	International Liaison
Angelo Buffomante	Secretary/ District 9
Mike Tetreault	Treasurer/ District 8

Trustees:

Chris Kardashian	District 1
Robby Harper	District 2
John Klutz	District 3
Randall Lyles	District 5
David Cole	District 6
George Sieracki	District 7
Art Verlengiere	District 10

Staff:

Kelly Frazier

President Ferris called the meeting to order March 26th, 2018 at 9:34am. President Ferris request the board members stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and B. Gettys lead the board in prayer.

President Ferris presented his selections for his Executive Board to the Trustees: Art Verlengier- Trustee Liaison, Mike Tetreault- Treasurer, Bobby Gettys- National Four Cycle Director, Lynn Haddock- National Two Cycle Director, Kevin Williams- Vice President, Angelo Buffomante- Secretary.

A vote was taken and the Board unanimously approved the Executive Committee President Ferris elected.

L. Haddock asked for a better way to relay information from the Executive Committee to the Board, so communication is clear.

The next agenda item discussed was the District Four Trustee Vacancy. The office had received two resumes from interested parties: Matt Bryant and Jayson Brown. The Trustees had received in advance these resumes to review. A conversation took place amongst the Trustees of both candidates.

Motion was made by M. Tetreault to elect Matt Bryant as District Four Trustee, seconded by R. Harper. Motion failed 4 votes: yes, 4 votes: no, 1 abstained

The discussion continued on both candidates.

A Motion was then made by C. Kardashian to vote by paper ballot, motion seconded by A. Verlengiere.

The board unanimously approved the paper ballot voting format and paper ballots were distributed among the voting trustees. Each trustee is to write in the name of their candidate. The votes were tallied.

5 votes: Bryant 3 votes: Brown 1 vote: abstained.

Matt Bryant was voted in as District Four Trustee.

President Ferris then stepped out of the room to make the call to M. Bryant to see if he would be able to join the remainder of the board meeting. M. Bryant agreed to join the meeting on March 27th.

President Ferris then turned the meeting over to K. Williams to chair.

M. Tetreault presented the board with copies of the finances to review. A balance sheet for 2016 and 2017 comparison was presented along with a Profit & Loss 2016 and 2017 comparison and reviewed, some of the key items explained. A few questions were asked and Treasurer Tetreault provided answers and clarification.

The board took a break for lunch and re-adjourned the meeting at 12:35pm

C. Kardashian asked the trustees for input to the following questions regarding the dirt series: 1) Do dirt racers come to Daytona to race for the purses? 2) If the payouts were less, would fewer racers register? 3) If the payouts were more, would there be more racers? 4) Do the racers have a preference to tire brand? 5) Can we reach out to the dirt community to get their input on what is most important to them to grow the sport? R. Lyles and J. Klutz explained how the payouts got introduced in Dirt Karting and why it tends to be important to draw karters in for the entries and the kart count and payouts and minimum kart count. The discussion continued with a question about running spec tires versus an open tire.

C. Kardashian presented to the board a topic that had been tabled from a previous conference call: Push back bumpers. Some people feel the rough driving in karting is increasing and an issue within the karting and WKA organization and would push back bumpers help with that? Is it a fool proof way to eliminate rough driving? No. But maybe it would help eliminate and deter people and could help lessen the incidents that occur. One question presented, "what do we do about brake checking? "How do we prove someone didn't brake check someone on purpose?"

The rough driving discussion continued, and most board members feel that the sport has gotten safer. Safety practices and kart design continue to improve, making it safer for the karter. It's everyone's responsibility, the karter, teams, parents and organizations responsibility to all get on the same page to make it safer.

A mounting bracket for the push back bumper was sent around the conference room for the trustees to review, an explanation of how they work was given. A few questions were answered on mounting, multiple uses, and if all bumpers fit the pushback bumper kit.

After some more discussion, the board feels that this is a topic that should go to the ManCup Competition Committee for review and discussion.

President Ferris updated the board on where Stadium View Network was on airing the filming of the Daytona event. SVN is a network that is aired in 50,000 sports bars across the US and starting in Pittsburgh, WKA karting events will be filmed and aired live through that channel. Some of the kinks are still being worked out with SVN, they were supposed to be at GoPro, filming live but were unable to

make it due to technical issues. CBS Sports has now contracted with Stadium View promotion to show our karting events after SVN has aired them first. We are still waiting on SVN to advise us where and when they will be aired.

K. Williams updated the board on the performance of our social media platforms, since WKA has started utilizing them more to help promote WKA. He presented information to the board on the viewers demographics, interactions and what the top liked, and commented items were on. He provided recommendations of how to increase traffic to our website and social media pages. WKA had recently added a "Start Karting" tab to our website, to help educate those who are new to karting as to how to get started. We hope to continue to improve the website, by adding back in a store, where people will be able to purchase tech manuals and WKA merchandise.

G. Sieracki addressed the board on the future and direction of WKA, he recommended reaching out to some marketing companies for ideas. The board agrees that this is something we need to pursue, and will start making the steps in that direction.

K. Williams continued the discussion of the future direction of WKA and updated the board on one of our new ManCup sponsors Race Face Brand Development and what they would like to partner with WKA on doing a weekly podcast and driver interviews and offering the Tel-Med program. This points in the social media direction that WKA is moving towards improving upon.

The office staff requested the board to possibly start looking at the 2019 schedule for all series. The board agreed that having the ManCup Series schedule August would be great. The Road Race Schedule can be a little tricky to get it out that early, due to some of the Kart Clubs not having their schedule done until November, but will work towards getting it out in September of 2018 for the 2019 season.

M. Tetreault proposed to the board, that when a trustee votes "no" to a motion, that it should then be recorded in the minutes as to why they chose to vote "no". M. Tetreault was asked why this was being proposed, and he explained that some members would like to know why someone voted no. The board came to an agreement that if a member has questions regarding the posted minutes and why a decision was made they should direct their questions to their trustee. A new statement will be added to the end of the minutes stating " If you have any questions or comments about these minutes, please contact your trustee"

Motion made by M. Tetreault to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm, seconded by J. Klutz

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Absent:

Chris Kardashian	District 1
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Staff:

Kelly Frazier
Marie Borsuk

8:35am K. Williams brought the meeting to order.

The board welcomed new District 4 trustee Matt Bryant.

President Ferris asked M. Bryant to advise the board on the current status of the dirt track race programs and series and how dirt racing is currently going. M. Bryant advised the board of the current tech issues and tire issues that were going on in the dirt karting industry. R. Lyles and L. Haddock both agreed that the WKA Tech rules for dirt are current and up to date.

With the help of M. Bryant a Dirt Racing Series Committee being created would be the first step.

M. Bryant, J. Klutz, R. Lyles, M. Tetreault, B. Gettys and L. Haddock, agreed to be on the committee.

The board agreed that a formal structure from track to track and rule package would help drivers and teams be competitive and consistent. It is currently hard to run the dirt rules that each different track and series has because nothing is consistent.

The question was brought up as to "What can WKA do for the tracks". M. Bryant advised the board that within the dirt industry there are inconsistent rules, insurance claims not getting paid, track issues and appeals- WKA with their current structure can help sanctioned tracks with this with their current rules package and insurance package they have in place.

9:25am R. Harper calls for a closed door meeting with the Trustees only and ask the executive committee to leave the room. Board members currently present at this time were J. Klutz, G. Sieracki, D. Cole, M. Tetreault, A. Buffomante, A. Verlengiere, M. Bryant, R. Harper and R. Lyles.

R. Harper suggested that the board look to electing a Chairman of the Board. The Chairman of the Board would help oversee that day to day operations of the office and allow the President to do other duties, such as building relationships with tracks and sponsors.

Motion made by R. Harper to appoint M. Tetreault as Chairman of the Board.

Seconded by D. Cole

The discussion continued as to the expectations of the Chairman of the Board. According to the bylaws of WKA- the Chairman must be a current trustee or have served in that capacity within the last 3 yrs.

A. Buffamante questioned the need for the position of the Chairman of the Board, and what would the chain of the command be between the President and the Chairman of the Board.

Vote: M. Bryant- yes, D. Cole- yes, S. Sieracki- yes, J. Klutz- yes, R. Harper- yes, A. Verlengiere- no, R. Lyles- no, M. Tetreault- abstained.

Motion passes.

M. Tetreault is now Chairman of the Board and A. Buffomante is currently chairing the trustee meeting.

R. Harper- addressed the trustees and advises them that he is not happy with the current president's performance. Mr. Harper feels that President Ferris should be removed from his presidency position of WKA. The code of regulations states that the president is to be transparent. R. Harper listed out several contracts signed without the boards consent or knowledge and where President Ferris has not been transparent which he feels has made a negative financial impact on WKA. R. Harper also explained to the board that losing the Gold Cup Series hurt WKA and the road racers are also unhappy with the current WKA leadership. A. Buffomante expressed to the board, that he disagrees with the statements of R. Harper, these were the same statements given by R. Harper back in the Sept. 6th & 7th, 2017 meeting when President Ferris was re-elected for a 3 yr term. D. Cole also advised the trustees that he has also heard the same thing from a lot of the ManCup members that they are also not happy with the current leadership and direction of WKA. The 2018 season that was planned out and handed to the board is going to hurt the ManCup program this year, because everything is on the east coast and the people in the Midwest are not wanting to drive that far for every race.

Motion made by R. Harper to remove John as President of WKA, seconded by G. Sieracki.

Vote: M. Bryant: yes, D. Cole: yes, S. Sieracki: yes, J. Klutz: yes, R. Harper: yes, A. Verleinger: no, R. Lyles: no, M. Tetreault: yes, A. Buffomnte: no Motion passes.

K. Williams was asked to rejoin the trustees.

A. Buffomante stepped out of the conference room to advised Mr. Ferris that he was no longer President of WKA.

The Trustees asked Vice President Williams to step forward as president. Mr. Williams accepted.

Motion made to elect K. Williams as President of WKA, seconded by G. Sieracki.

All in favor, no one opposes, motion passes.

11:30 am lunch break

12:10pm meeting resumes

President Williams updated the board on CIK Structures changes for 2018. There are no longer Grid Girls, F1 has implemented changes to now have Grid Kids, to have another avenue for kids to get involved in karting and be able to meet and interact with their heroes in motorsports, WKA will be involved once the program is solidified.

Next topic is the EV Grand Prix with Purdue University. M. Tetreault advised the board on Mr. White's proposal from Purdue University. WKA is still going to be involved as a sanctioning organization, and provider of the insurance coverage through insurance wrist band sales. The board agrees that they would still like to work with Purdue University with their MSTEM3 program.

D. Cole reviewed rule 801.1.4 (2018 Tech manual) Manufacturers Cup Year End awards Provision is accurate to reflect the race count that increased this year.

Motion by D. Cole to change rule 801.1.4 to read: "A competitor must participate in at least four of the six Manufacturers Cup Series events in order to qualify for year-end awards."

Seconded by R. Lyles. All in Favor- motion passes

A. Verlengiere discussed with the board the current accounting system and financial reporting system, he would like to identify an outside source to reconcile all of the checking/bank statements.

Motion was made by A. Verlengiere to obtain quotes from an outside source to reconcile checking account each month within the next 30 days and report back the cost, to the board at the next meeting.

Seconded by G. Sieracki

Motion unanimously passes.

D. Cole suggested to the board that we need to look for someone or a firm to help us with our pitboards/ press releases. The board agrees that WKA will look into obtaining a few quotes for someone or a firm to help us with that. President Williams And M. Tetreault will report back to the board on the May 8th conference call.

G. Sieracki brought up the conversation of Gold Cup. The Board agrees to investigate further as this is an important sector of the WKA membership.

Next conference call Tuesday May 8th, 8:00pm

Next Face to Face meeting: July 16th & 17th (location TBA)

1:23 pm, Motion to adjourn made by A. Verlengiere

Seconded by G. Sieracki

If you have any questions or comments about these minutes, please contact your trustee

Respectfully submitted by,
Angelo Buffomante
Kelly Frazier